

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, QA  
SUBJECT: LAWSUIT AGAINST GULF OIL OVER ALLEGED VIOLATION OF  
CONTRACT TO PURCHASE QATARI CRUDE

REF: DOHA 757

1. CONSULAR OFFICER NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE  
AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABD AL-AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL-THANI, ON MORNING  
OF JUNE 10. SIGNING OF AFFIDAVIT ACCOMPLISHED IN MINISTER'S OFFICE  
WITH CONOFF PRESENT.

2. AFTER DOCUMENT SIGNED, GULF ATTORNEY, MR. WILLIAM DUCK,  
ALLOWED E/C OFFICER TO READ IT AT EMBASSY. AFFIDAVIT WAS IN TWO  
PARTS, FIRST OF WHICH DENIED THAT EITHER GENERAL OR SPECIFIC  
AUTHORIZATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO MR. TAUB OR TO ANY OTHER  
INDIVIDUALS (OF WHICH THREE WERE SPECIFICALLY NAMED) TO ACT IN  
BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT OF QATAR. SECOND PART WAS SPECIFIC DENIAL OF  
AUTHENTICITY OF A TELEX MESSAGE WHICH GULF ATTORNEY FEELS MAY BE  
ENTERED AS EVIDENCE. MESSAGE IS PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SENT BY  
MINISTER TO MR. TAUB AND, IF AUTHENTIC, WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT  
MR. TAUB'S CLAIMS.

3. MINISTER IS REPORTEDLY EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN KEEPING  
EXISTENCE AND CONTENTS OF DOCUMENT CONFIDENTIAL, AND REQUIRED  
GUARANTEES FROM GULF PRESIDENT AND GULF BOARD CHAIRMAN THAT  
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CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD BE PRESERVED.  
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